

My Lord Chancellor's Speech
To the DUKE of Marlborough.

And the Duke of Marlborough's Answer.



I Am commanded by this House to give your Grace their Acknowledgment and Thanks for the Eminent Services you have done since the last Session of Parliament to Her Majesty and your Country, together with their Confederates in this just and necessary War.

Though your former Successes against the Power of France, while it remained unbroken, gave most reasonable Expectation that you would not fail to improve them, yet what your Grace hath perform'd this last Campaign has far exceeded all Hopes, even of such as were most Affectionate and Partial to their Countries Interest and your Glory. The Advantages you have gained over the Enemy are of such a Nature, so Conspicuous in themselves, so undoubtedly owing to your Courage and Conduct, so sensible and universal Beneficial in their Consequences to the Confederacy, that to attempt to adorn them with the Colouring of Words would be vain and inexcusable, and therefore I decline it: the rather, because I should certainly offend that great Modesty which alone can and does add Lustre to your Actions, and which in your Grace's Example has successfully withstood as great Trials as that Virtue has met with in any Instance whatsoever; and I beg leave to say, that if any thing could move your Grace to reflect with much Satisfaction on your own Merit, it would be this, that such an *August* Assembly does with one Voice praise and thank you: An Honour, with a Judgment so sure as that of your Grace's, to think rightly of every thing, cannot but prefer to the Ostentation of a Publick Triumph.

To which his Grace reply'd as follows, viz.

I Esteem this as a very particular Honour which your Lordships are pleased to do me; no Body in the World can be more sensible of it than I am, nor more desirous to deserve the Continuance of your Favour and good Opinion.